



NLSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

April 7, 2018

Holiday Inn – St. John's

1. Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM with welcome by Chairperson, Doug Redmond, and the introduction of Attending Delegates.

A moment of silence was observed for those of the soccer community who had passed away during the past year.

2. Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda

Moved by Colleen McConnell and Seconded by Jeff Tiller

Motion Passed

3. Appointment of Resolutions Officer

Ian Chaytor was appointed as the Resolution Officer.

4. Minutes

4.1. Errors / Omissions - none

4.2. Adopt Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the 2017 AGM by Damian and seconded by John McCarthy.

Motion Passed

4.3. Business Arising from the minutes – no business arising

5. President Report

5.1. President's Report is listed on the NLSA website and attached to the minutes as Appendix A. The President provided a summary of his report.

The President wished to thank the following:

- all members of the 2017 NLSA Board of Directors, Dragan, Mike, Robert; Keeran and all associations, players, officials, committee members, volunteers, media and sponsors for making 2017 a very successful year for soccer.
- Corner Brook on hosting a successful Atlantic BU13 and BU14 Championship. Congratulations to Conception Bay South, on hosting a successful GU 13 Atlantic Club Championship
- Congratulations to the various Newfoundland and Labrador teams who won nine medals four gold medals (BU14, BU15, BU16, BU18) three silver medals (GU14, GU15, GU18) and two bronze medals (GU13, GU16) at the Atlantic Championships. Congratulations to all players, officials and coaches who competed at the Atlantics, Club Nationals, and Atlantic University competitions.
- Congratulations to Portugal Cove St. Phillips on expanding their turf field into a full regulation size soccer field

- Special thanks to Colleen McConnell and the media for the great media support; Gord Dunphy on the streaming of various Challenge Cup Games and the U13 Atlantics; Thanks to Doug and the Finance Committee for having the Association in a healthy financial situation; and the municipal, provincial and federal government and to the Canada Soccer Association for their financial and in-kind contributions.

6. Vice-president Report – Youth Soccer

The Vice – President for Youth announced that her complete report has been on the NLSA Website, but would like to bring attention to the following issues:

- 6.1. Judi stressed the serious issue with female soccer in the province, she also wanted to stress how important the Mega tournaments are and how we must continue to work to make this tournaments a success
- 6.2. Chris asked if the CSA is doing anything to help the National issue concerning the decline in female soccer. It was explained that the CSA is also very concerned and that this is a national issue
- 6.3. Judi thanked all the volunteers who made the year a big success for many of the youth of the province.

7. Vice – President Report – Men’s Soccer

- 7.1. The Vice – President for Men’s Soccer confirmed that his complete report has been on the NLSA Website. The Vice – President for Men’s Soccer stressed that all Regional Directors need to read the changes to the Discipline rules as there are many significant changes for the 2018 season.

8. Vice – President Report – Women’s Soccer

- 8.1. The Vice – President for Women’s Soccer confirmed that his complete report has been on the NLSA Website. The Vice – President for Women’s Soccer congratulate the Holy Cross Women’s Team on their success at the Nationals and winning the first Medal in Women’s Soccer.
- 8.2. The Vice-President wished to thank Breen’s for their continued support and Sponsorship

9. Adopt the President and Vice-Presidents’ Reports

- 9.1. Motion was made by Colleen and Second by Ron to accept the Reports of the President and Vice-Presidents.
Motion Passed

10. Treasurer’s Report

- 10.1. Doug Kirby presented the final statement for 2017 and confirmed that Youth membership down and Senior membership is up as a result membership fees are down from last year. Grants from the Prov have not changed, and has not been reduced as in previous years. Sponsorships and

donations are down with the loss of Sobeys and Browning and Harvey's and possibly Molsons may be gone

- 10.2. Expenses are very similar each year and vary usually because of location of National Tournaments. Revenues are up and expenses have stayed flat, but the picture over all is very positive, and Cash Resources are strong. Balance in the Bank is high , but is needed to cover the operations of the NLSA during the leaner times of the year to maintain a positive cash flow, and we have in the past had discussions on partnering with Memorial to build a new soccer field
- 10.3. Fines from previous year were put aside to be used in a meaning ful way so that it would not be used in General Revenue
- 10.4. Doug K. thanked the Fiance Committee for their hard work
- 10.5. Motion to accept the Treaeurer's Report was made by John McCarthy and Seconded by Jeff.
Motion Passed.
- 10.6. Appointment of Auditors
Motion was madse by Damian and Seconded by John McCarthy to re appoint Winsor Coombs as the Adutitors of the NLSA for 2018.
Motion Passed.

11. Techincal Comittee Report

- 11.1. Reports from the Technical Committee are available on the NLSA website. Mike explained that the National Tech Committee meeting will be taking place in Yellowknife and Mike is expecting some big news regarding the the Coaching Certification and he updated the good work of the the VWC program.
- 11.2. Mike explained the new directions the Tech Committee and possibly the creation of weekend symposium and the money from the fines of the previous year can be put towards this program.
- 11.3. Dragan commented on the works being done. He thanked all those for their continued hard work. Communication is so important and the fact that the clubs have come to the point of hiring a Professional Staff member brings the point that the NLSA needs to work with these people and provide them them with the oppportunity of being part of the decision process. Dragan commented that he would like to work more with the small regions to to help them develop their programs and the symposium could be a useful tool to accomplish this . John McCarthy MP commented that we should mentor more younger girls to be involved as assistant coaches including youth players. In

the upcoming Proc C clinic there are 18 men and 1 women CSA has helped with the implementation of coaching programs specifically for women. Jeff Babstock highlighted the women in Coaching program With most Provincial youth teams with being women Coaching females.

11.4. Darrin Bent asked if there is a Prov B coaching course coming soon. Dragan will be working with CSA to organize one. Darrin- asked if it takes a full year to complete a Prov C license? Discussion continued to explain the process of the last Prov C Clinic. Some of the many changes occurring at the CSA has caused delays in the completion of our coaching programs.

11.5. Some additional comments were expressed:

11.5.1. Colleen commented on the fact we have the people at this meeting to take the action on solving the concerns of the lack of females coaching in the provincial program

11.5.2. Trevor – commented on the fact that we need to encourage more involve the as assistant coaches in the program and entice them to come on board at an early level and to get qualified and some wil go on to the Prov C and Prov B licenses

11.5.3. Scott commented on the fact that it is harder to get any coaches.

12. Referees Report

12.1.1. The Director of Officials was not in attendance, nor any alternate. No Report was received from the Director.

13. Business Manager's Report

13.1. Rob mentioned that NLSA will be going with the new Registration system from RAMP Software and how important it is for all volunteers to get a CPIC and attend a Harassment Seminar and that all participants need to be registered.

14. Regional Directors and Provincial Representatives' reports

14.1. All reports have been on the NLSA Website, and have been circulated to the Board to be provided to clubs and Associations , as a result it was not necessary to review at the AGM

15. Book of Reports – Motion

15.1. Motion was made by Jeff and Seconded by Damian to approve the entire Book of Reports as presented.
Motion Passed

16. Amendments to the Rules and Regulation

- 16.1. As Chair of the Rules Committee. Judi explained that the changes and updates to the nRulres and Regulations have been circulated since March 5 to the Board of Directors and the Youth Committee.
- 16.2. After seeking and responses, questions, and concerns, and only one issue wase brought forward, and that came from the Burin Region expressing the concern of the use of PYL players in Mega Tournaments. Judi explained that this has been an issue for a long period of time, and there does not seem to be one best answer. Some clubs are vcery small and will not have enough players unless they are allowed to use players from the PYL teams. This issue will be addressed at the Youth Meeting scheduled for the afternoon session.
- 16.3. Motion was made by Juid and Seconded by Jeff to approve the Rules and Regulations Report
Motion Passed.

17. Amendments to the By-Laws / Constitution

There were no Amendments brought forward

18. Election of Officers

- 18.1. Ron O'Neill explained procedures under our Constitution / By-Laws for nomination Names must be put forward in writing 30 days prior to our AGM with no nominations from the floor. The following positions were up for election:
- President – 2 year term
 - Vice President Youth - 2 year term
 - Secretary 2 year term
 - Vice President Senior Men – 1 year term
- 18.2. Position of President for 2 Year Term – Doug Redmond has been nominated for the position of President , and the motion was seconded.one nomination received from Doug Redmond. This being the only nomination, Doug Redmond was acclaimed as President
- 18.3. Position of Vice President Youth for a 2 year Term – Judi Kelloway has been nominated for the position of Vice - President Youth for a 2 Year Term , the and the nomination was seconded. This being the only nomination, Judi Kelloway was acclaimed as Vice – President Youth.
- 18.4. Position of Secretary for a 2 year Term – Ron O'Neill was nominated for the position of Secretary for a 2 Year Term , the and the nomination was seconded. This being the only nomination, Ron O'Neill was acclaimed Secretary
- 18.5. Position of Vice -President Men's 1 year Term – Damian Masterson was nominated for the position of Vice – President Men's for a 1 year term and the

nomination was seconded. This being the only nomination, Damian was acclaimed as Vice – President Men’s Soccer.

19. Appointments of Regional Directors

19.1. According to the NLSA Constitution the following Regional Directors need to be Appointed on even number years for a 2 year term, and the following names for these positions werebrought forward.

- St. John’s Region – Bernie Manning
- Burin Region – Marc Pittman
- Central Region – Terry Goulding
- Lab West Region – Gloria Pike
- CBS Region – Ian Chaytor

Motion to appove these names was made by Jeff Tiller and seconded by Ron O’Neill . Motion Passed.

19.2. The following names were brought forward as Alternates for their Regions for a 2 year term:

- St. John’s Region – Colleen McConnell
- CBS Region – Eileen Woodford

Motion to appove these names was made by Jeff Tiller and seconded by Ron O’Neill . Motion Passed.

The regions of Burin, Central, and Lab West will provide the names of their alternated ata later date once confirmed.

19.3. The following name was brought forward as a new Alternate for the Region of Mount Pearl for a one year term.

- Mount Pearl Region – Leslie Osbourne

20. Break Out Meetings

20.1. Youth Summary – Break Out Meeting

20.1.1. Mega’s still looking for host U14 Boys and U12 Girls. Burin is interested in U12 Girls if they can confirm hotel space. If Burin cannot host, Paradise may be a backup. For the GU12 Mega

20.1.2. PYL Players playing in Megas. After much discussion on the pros and cons of allowing clubs to use PYL players in mega tournaments a Motion to adopt the following Pilot Project for the 2018 season was made by Marc Pittman and Seconded by Damian Mastron , that Clubs may receive permission to use PYL players in megas, if and only if the can meet the following conditions:

- have to demonstrate a need to additional players

- Only clubs that do not have access to PYL would be permitted to add Provincial Team Players
 - Players would need approval from Technical Staff
 - Players cannot be added if they have played in any Challenge Cup or Jubilee Trophy games.
 - No Mega player would be displaced.
- 20.1.3. Communications - Short discussion on communication and the need to make sure all clubs are aware of the changes
- 20.1.4. Communications - Short discussion on communication and the need to make sure all clubs are aware of the changes, and the need to ensure all players are registered properly. Only those who are entered in the Registration System will be considered officially Registered. Judi stressed the need to have personal E-Mails and Cell Numbers for all coaches, Managers and Team Staff.
- 20.1.5. PYL Schedule - .PYL schedule to be started this week, with a draft to be sent to the coaches to review, and necessary changes will be made, and then the times and fields will be added

20.2. Senior Womens Summary – Break Out Meeting

Jeff reported that the Jubilee Season will start on May 27 and that the league will have 4 teams and St. John's U17 will play on an exhibition basis. Final weekend will be played at KG 5 and teams will play a 14 game schedule. The Schedule for the Jubilee Trophy Season should be available in 2 weeks.

A Motion to amend the Rules and Regulations for the 2018 season to approve a Pilot Project to modify the playoff format for the Jubilee Trophy to the following structure:

- Game 1: Team 3 play Team 4
- Game 2: Winner of Game 1 play Team 2
- Game 3: Winner of game 2 play Team 1 for Championship

Motion made by Jeff Tiller and Seconded by Damian.
Motion Passed.

20.3. Senior Mens Summary – Break Out Meeting

Damian confirmed that there will be 6 teams for the 2018 season, and the playoff schedule will remain the same as the previous year with 1v2 3 v4 page format. The Awards ceremony will take place after the first game on the final weekend. The season will start on May 27 with Holy Cross vs Fieldians. Players will be required to play a minimum of 25% of the regular season games to be permitted into the final weekend.

21. New Business

- 21.1. Trevor Paine – Lab East said that he they removed an athlete from the games and sent him home. And asked if the NLSA has any policy on file for

such just a section. The player was 14 and his parents happened to be there and the parents agreed to look after the issue. Now the question is what would we do if the parents were not present during the games. Discussion continued on how serious an issue this could be for the NLSA and the need to develop a protocol to have in place. The NLSA will start working on a policy about this issue

21.2. Darrin Bent – CBS raised a concern on the fact that players involved in the VWC Program do not have to register with a club mentioned that the VWC program one should register with their club to be allowed to register with the VWC program. The VWC program is a supplemental program to the players existing program. The problem that the clubs are experiencing is that players are removed from the club programs which is reducing revenue from the clubs. After much discussion it was determined that the current issue will stay as is as not many players are involved, and that players will be encouraged to register with their clubs.

21.3. Paul North – Paradise would like to become a self Region. Paul was instructed to send a letter to the Board through their Regional Director and the Board will address the issue.

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22. Resolution

22.1. There were no resolutions Reported.

23. Adjournment

23.1. There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by John McCarthy and Seconded by Jeff Tiller.
Motion Passed.

Ron O'Neill
Secretary

Doug Redmond
President